

Beverley Hemphill

LIBRARY FOUNDATION RECEIVES LARGEST GIFT

The Redwood City Library Foundation is pleased and gratified to announce that it has received a \$112,000 donation from the Beverley Hemphill Trust, the largest gift from an individual in the Foundation's ten-year history. The Foundation received the generous gift seven months after Ms. Hemphill's death. Fifty thousand dollars of the gift will be applied to the Campaign for the Opening Day Collection, a public campaign to raise \$850,000 required to fill the new Redwood Shores Library with book and media content.

"Beverley was a person of great foresight. We are thrilled to count her as one of our major donors and to recognize her on the Donor Wall of the new library," said Sandra Cooperman, co-president of the Foundation. "Her legacy will benefit so many, and her name high on that Wall will serve to inspire others."

A long-time Redwood City resident, Ms. Hemphill had a great love of books and history. She devoted countless hours as a volunteer for the Archives Committee of the Library, taking and transcribing oral histories of colorful local residents, among other efforts. A relentless reader and a charming personality, she became a staff favorite on her many visits to the library. When the Redwood City Library Foundation incorporated in 1998, she became a generous and endearing supporter.

Ms. Hemphill grew up in Coalinga and attended the University of California. Although her first choice of a major was anthropology, her mother had other ideas and she graduated in the 1930's with a Masters degree in psychology. She returned home after college to help support her mother and brother, later enlisting in the United States Coast Guard in World War II, and marrying banker George Hemphill. Beverley lived in the same home she shared with her husband near Kennedy Middle School for over 60 years. In addition to the unrestricted gift to the Foundation, Ms. Hemphill left \$51,000 to the Redwood City Public Library.

FOUNDATION WELCOMES CHARITABLE BEQUESTS

A top priority of the Foundation is to become a permanent, reliable source of funding for Library programs such as Traveling Storytime, as well as for expanding and upgrading facilities. A significant source of such funding is charitable bequests from those who recognize the Library and its programs as a precious community resource.

What is a Charitable Bequest? In its simplest form, the term "charitable bequest" is used to describe anything you give or leave to charity from your estate through a will or a revocable living trust. An "estate" is any property, money, or personal belongings that you may have at the time of your death. Most people leave an estate when they die, even though they may not have a great deal of wealth. Even an individual with a small estate can arrange to leave a charitable bequest.

You can arrange to bequeath a gift from your estate in several different ways. You can set aside a specific dollar amount, leave a percentage of your estate, or leave any assets remaining after your family has been provided for. Some people use a bequest to give a charity something they own, such as a car, home, art, or jewelry. Others leave a paid life insurance policy or other financial investments. Still others name a charity as beneficiary on their life insurance or retirement assets.

Charitable bequests can be quite inexpensive to include in your initial estate plan or when modifying an existing estate plan. The primary method of implementing a charitable bequest is a provision in your will, codicil, or trust setting forth your wishes. And since charitable bequests do not take effect during your life, you retain complete control over the assets and can change your charitable bequests at any time if your philanthropic interests change.

Please consult your professional advisor (attorney or other tax professional) for further information.

BOOK CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED MARCH 31

A flurry of last-minute donations for the new Redwood Shores library collection enabled the campaign to nearly reach its goal of \$850,000. The Redwood City Library Foundation Board recently announced that the three-year campaign ended March 31 of this year.

At press time the campaign had raised \$836,000, only \$14,000 short of its goal.

"We are still accepting donations," said Foundation co-president Sandra Cooperman, "We believe that our supporters will put this campaign over the top."

The Foundation and the Redwood Shores Community Association have worked hand-in-hand to raise the money through special events, challenge grants, and personal solicitations. Major donations received recently include \$10,000 from Electronics Arts and a \$50,000 bequest from the estate of long-time library supporter Beverley Hemphill.

The funds will purchase books, magazines, audio books, CDs, and DVDs for the library currently being built at Bridge and Marine Parkways in Redwood Shores.

"The success of the campaign is due to the hard work and dedication of both the Foundation and the Community Association," said Nancy Kelly, a board member of both organizations. "We worked together to achieve a common goal. Now we are seeing the results of our efforts."

The new library is slated to open in September. A reception to honor donors of \$5,000 and more will be held in Redwood Shores in May. There will be another donor event in late August or early September to celebrate the grand opening of the library.

Co-chairs for the Campaign for the Opening Day Collection were Paula Uccelli and Rosanne Foust. Campaign committee members were Cheryl Angeles, Sandra Cooperman, Jeff Gee, Georgi LaBerge, and Celia LaRiviere.

Donors of \$1,000 or more will be listed on a permanent donor wall in the library.

To contribute to the opening day collection for the Redwood Shores Library, please use the remittance envelope included in this mailing.

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CHILDREN BENEFIT

ore than 65 people attended a celebration on February 13 to honor

volunteer readers from the Library's Traveling Storytime Program. Since the program originated in 2001, these volunteers have read to over 100,000 children.

The Traveling Storytime volunteers bring stories and other literacy-related activities to children in preschools and daycares in all areas of Redwood City The goal of the program is to promote the love of books, reading readiness and libraries.

Volunteers, preschool and daycare providers and members of the library staff celebrated this amazing achievement. Individual volunteers were recognized for their years of service to the program.

Four of the volunteers honored have been with the program since it first began and are currently in their eighth year of bringing the love of literature, learning, and libraries to the children of Redwood City. They are JoAnn Damiano, Myra Greenberg, Mel Hirsekom, and Rita Stewart.

Five other individuals will soon complete seven years in the program. They are Dorothy Hessler, Jeannie Isaacs, Jan Pedden, Wendy Winkler, and Vicki Young. Readers with one year experience under their belts are Ruth Ann Abbott, Bev Aguilar, Guillermina Lopez, Barbara Marks, Monica Olson, Judith Roman, and Ellie Saunders. In addition, currently reading individuals include Diane Arnold, Frank Kushin, Sandy Lesser, Yolanda Pacheco Garcia, Howard Greenfield, Cheryl Miller and Lorraine Sevilla.

The Redwood City Library Foundation, as its first initiative, raised over \$200,000 in eighteen months to hire staff to develop and coordinate this volunteer program.

FROM THE CO-PRESIDENT

early four years after its inception, the Redwood Shores Library Campaign is winding down, having raised \$836,000 for the new library's collection. The Campaign

was a partnership of the Foundation, the Redwood Shores Community Association, local business and civic leaders and "communitarians" too numerous to list here. Many, however, appear on the list of Foundation Donors for 2007. A special thanks to each and every one of you.

The Redwood Shores Campaign has dominated the Foundation's agenda since I joined the Foundation in 2004. Now, however, the Foundation faces two new challenges. One is the next fundraising campaign, which focuses on the needs of the Fair Oaks branch library. These include facility upgrades, expansion of the collection, programming, and extended operating hours.

The other challenge is to transition the Foundation itself into a full-time fundraising organization that is "greater than the sum of its parts." The Board took the first step in this direction by creating the position of Executive Director, whose task is to develop and launch a permanent fundraising program and identify fundraising opportunities. The first Executive Director is Celia LaRiviere, formerly the Library's Resource Development Supervisor. As a member of the Library staff, who has worked with the Foundation from its founding in 1998, Celia is the obvious choice to play the ground-breaking role in defining and breathing life into the new position.

The Foundation Board will be brainstorming ways to broaden the Foundation's visibility, to attract new board members committed to the Foundation's fundraising mission and to institutionalize the Foundation's fundraising capability. We hope to provide the Library a permanent source of funding for programs such as Traveling Storytime, as well as for expanding and upgrading facilities.

> John Blake Co-President

STORYTIME HONORED

he Redwood City Council issued a proclamation on March 24th honoring the Traveling Storytime program and marking the milestone of reading to 100,000 children. Over 25 volunteers were at the Council meeting to share in the celebration.



Library Board President Rudy Madrigal, Traveling Storytime Director Jan Pedden, and Storytime volunteers.